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The Honorable Richard Helms
The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dick:

The National Interdepartmental Seminar has now conducted three Coordination Conferences for directors of training in the field of internal defense and counterinsurgency. Participants have unanimously recommended that these conferences be continued on an annual basis. Therefore, and in accordance with the NSAM 283 requirement that the Seminar be the focal point in this field, the 1967 Conference has been scheduled for June 19, 20 and 21.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to address the Conference. I most sincerely hope that you will again be able to accept, as it is vital to the success of the Conference that we have the senior representatives of the sponsoring departments and agencies as guest speakers.

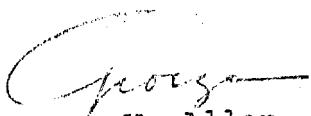
I realize that you and the other senior officials whom we are inviting to speak have extremely busy schedules. For this reason, and to insure a successful program, we are hoping to arrange for the principal speakers as far in advance as possible.

The Coordinator of the Seminar will be in touch with your office to ascertain whether a mutually agreeable date and time can be worked out.

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I am enclosing a statement of the purposes of the Conference and of the criteria for attendance.

Sincerely,


George V. Allen
Chairman, Committee on Training

Enclosure:
Statement